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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

"HOW are all the folks?" an eminent Massachusetts statesman was asked.

"The folks are all very well, thank you," he replied. Then, after a thoughtful pause he remarked,—"What a fine old Anglo-Saxon word 'folks' is!"

What does it not mean for those who have them? To the young it means parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, cousins and brothers and sisters. For the old it has a wide and varied meaning, but always it signifies homes and neighborhoods and families and family connections. If there is a heart and center of human society it is where the "folks" are. Those who have no "folks" are, in some sense or other, vagabonds, whether they be rich or poor. Life has intensive significance where there are folks to live it and love it and talk about it, and defend it.

THE church home implies folks just one degree removed from the family circle. To those who really appreciate the church home and make the most of it life contains additional values. The members of the church home are in a peculiar sense mutually interesting. What concerns any member concerns all members. The church home thus comes to have a psychology of its own which cannot be expressed in the reports of its officers. It has often been remarked that many of the old New England societies would have been dead years ago if they could have been killed. They have a longevity which no ordinary adversities can extinguish. They may have suffered all kinds of reverses, such as financial losses, ministerial failures, schisms, choir rows, one-man autocracy, and other ills without number; but just because they were composed of "folks" that are dear to one another, their faults and idiosyncrasies notwithstanding, they continued to hold their places in their several communities.

The members of the church home are like the members of the domestic home. They know each other so well that they can give and take without becoming estranged, they can yield to majorities, they can suffer ineffective and uncongenial ministries in deference to the general welfare or for the sake of expediency.

ONE of the severest tests of vitality in the church home consists in its power to continue the services of officers who have long since ceased to be efficient. Perpetuity in office has its advantages, provided efficiency is not sacrificed; but it is too often true that the vital interest languishes after a while, especially where it is an office that carries no compensation except the honor of the office itself. For the good they once did officers are sometimes continued in office, or, worse still, their incumbency is tolerated even when it would be better for all concerned if they would give place to the inexperienced

members of a new generation. Death should not be the only avenue of rotation in office. Old methods which worked well at one time are not necessarily effective for all time. It may be an honor to have been one of the pillars of the church in the form of a clerk, or chairman, or choir master, or organist for a half century. Such a record may be a good thing for one's descendants to contemplate, but it should be remembered that nothing but an almost superhuman vitality in many a church could endure such treatment. Nothing but the fact that the members of churches are "folks" who are able to make allowances to the last degree of Christian charity can explain the continued existence of many of our older parishes.

THESE conditions should be fully appreciated whenever we consider the fluctuating careers of some of our newer movements. It takes time for "folks" to assemble, organize themselves into a church home, and become of sufficient value one to another to endure adversity. In many places where new churches are started the members at first are total strangers one to another. They have no mutual antecedents, no common traditions, no well developed sympathies. They come together slowly for the sake of the message that the little organization wishes to propagate. They have nothing to hold them together but loyalty to their peculiar gospel. No wonder that under such conditions their continued existence is precarious. The *personnel* of the new organization shifts many times within a few years, and only a small nucleus is the constant quantity which represents the "folks" within the church home.

One may wonder in looking over the long periods during which many of our churches have been assisted by the American Unitarian Association why financial assistance has been continued so many years. The reason is obvious when we realize the foregoing conditions of permanent existence. Only ministers who have served as missionaries in the establishment of new churches fully realize the number of disheartening changes that must take place before a Unitarian movement ripens off into a self-sustaining church home. Not until then can we rest assured that the local church is rooted in a community past all peradventure.

A Service of Peace

IT is doubtful if anything ever occurred in the civilized world of greater significance than the Treaty of Ghent, which was signed at the close of the war of 1812 between the United States and England. Every thoughtful person should have his attention called to this treaty, and, wherever possible, some kind of a recognition should be made of the fact that two great nations have lived side by side for one hundred years without resorting to armed force and with a boundary line of three thousand miles between them free from any suggestion of military power. It is the one great object-lesson towards which the eyes of mankind should turn, and from which should evolve another great treaty to insure the future peace of the world. In every church some young man or woman should, on some occasion, read the Treaty of Ghent to the congregation. Its provisions should be commented upon from the pulpit.

THE Church Peace Union, in conjunction with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, has proposed February 14, 1915, as a day when the subject of peace should occupy the attention of churches, Sunday schools, and young people's societies.

Ordinarily, the setting apart of some particular Sunday to celebrate a specific cause does not seem expedient. Ministers have their pulpit work laid out weeks in advance, and there have been suggestions of this nature which were little short of being impertinent, owing to the insignificance or irrelevancy of the causes to be recognized. Nobody cares to work up public sentiment in favor of a great-grandmothers' day, nor a day of prayer in behalf of abandoned cats in the summer-time; but occasionally it

becomes expedient that a psychological impulse should be created throughout the length and breadth of a great nation. Such an end is sought by the observance of Peace Sunday on February 14th. It contributes to the right mental attitude on the part of the people at large, and where the subject is treated wisely it affords a great opportunity for instruction as well as for inspiration.

ONE of the dangers that may overtake a given generation is that the great crises of history may become blurred. If the young people of to-day could have anything like an adequate idea of what this Republic has cost, much of the blatancy and Jingoism which leads to militarism would be forestalled. To think that on this side of the Atlantic, within the boundaries of the United States itself, we have a group of forty-eight empires living at peace one with another, with free communication between them and without suspicion or greed of power to interfere with the peaceful pursuits of the people, is a blessing which only those can appreciate who have lived under an imperialism, which could only be sustained by a standing army and overwhelming armaments. Let such facts as these be emphasized on February 14th, that the young men and women of our land may realize the fact that a popular government, harboring no kings or pontiffs and no hereditary aristocracy, once issued from the courage, wisdom and virtue of their fathers.

Christmas

BEFORE another issue of WORD AND WORK, the Christmas of 1914 will have come and gone, and what a Christmas for the Christian world! One wonders if instead of celebrating that day in the usual way, we should not make it, as did the Puritans when great calamities befell them, a day of "fasting and prayer." Even here in America we have scant reason to be complacent or to congratulate ourselves that we are essentially better than our brethren in Europe. Many of us have had the good fortune to have passed our lives where men are not regarded as "subjects" and where no hereditary sovereign claims a divine ownership in the human race. All our institutions assume the sacredness of the individual life, however poorly we may give expression to that principle in conduct. All the more, then, ought they who live in this republic to eliminate the causes of strife from the human heart and when Christmas, with all its blessed traditions and all its ideals, arrives, it stands us in hand to search ourselves to see if we can resist all the causes that lead to national or international warfare. For these causes are in the last analysis in ourselves. Only they who carry the germs of warfare within the soul can engage in warfare of any kind. This year it will be well for us to make Christmas a season of serious thought as well as of Christmas joy—a season when the principle of peace should become within ourselves so commanding that we shall restrain our hasty judgment of others and resolve to make our contribution in the years to come to a peace that shall be universal and secure. From the "Service of Righteousness and Peace" in the new "Services for Congregational Worship" the following prayer is indeed pertinent at this time.

Lord of all, whose balance trieth the nations, to lift up or to cast down: never through vain conceit may we be blind to the unchanging conditions of thy blessing. The world and its fullness are thine; our portion thereof may we hold, not in wanton self-will, but reverently, as of thee; making it the stronghold of right, the refuge of the oppressed, and the moderator of lawless ambition. Make all who speak or act for this nation true organs of thy equity, that through their wisdom and faithfulness thou mayst be our lawgiver and judge. And let it be that, as with the people so with the chiefs, as with the toiler so with him who directeth toil, as with the buyer so with the seller, all may know thee as weighing the path of the just; that righteousness may be the girdle of our power, and by justice our commonwealth may be established. Amen.

American Unitarian Association

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Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., *President* — Henry M. Williams, *Treasurer*
Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, *Secretary* — F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. William Lindsay has resigned at Dover and Rochester, N. H.; and Rev. Ralph H. Cheever at Eastport, Me.

Rev. Philip S. Thacher has resigned at Hamilton, Ont., and has been installed at Hyde Park, Mass. Rev. Leverett R. Daniels has resigned at Yarmouth, Me., and accepted a call to Windsor, Vt. Rev. John Baltzly has resigned at Hudson, Mass., to accept a call to Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Percy Lyndon has resigned at Windsor, Vt., to accept a call to Eastport, Me.

Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton has declined a call to the First Unitarian Church of Toledo, O.

Rev. Frank R. Gale has accepted a call to Tyngsboro, Mass.; Rev. George D. Sanders to Houlton, Me.; and Rev. James M. Darnell to Kenosha, Wis.

Rev. William Channing Brown has been in Memphis, Tenn., making arrangements for the settlement of a minister.

Rev. Aubrey M. Pendleton, for many years a resident of Milford, N. H., under whose devoted supervision the present beautiful stone chapel of that place was erected, died in that town on November 7th. Mr. Pendleton never permitted himself to become ordained, but the years of his active service for our cause were professional in quality and greatly appreciated by those with whom he labored.

Appointments

Billings Lecturers for the present season have been appointed as follows: Rev. Luther A. Weigle, lecturer in Channing Hall for the Department of Religious Education as announced; Rev. Arthur G. Pettengill of Portland, Me., on "The Working-man and the Unitarian Church;" Rev. Gilbert Reid, lecturer in China and Japan under the supervision of the Department of Foreign Relations; and Rev. Louis C. Cornish upon denominational interests among the churches of the State of Maine.

Rev. William L. Sullivan and others will lecture in Philadelphia and vicinity in connection with the campaign of education after the "Billy Sunday Revival," which will take place in the near future.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee of the American Unitarian Association has organized with Richard Webb, Portland, Maine, as chairman and Harold G. Arnold, 54 Kenneth St., West Roxbury, Mass., as secretary. The other members of the committee are as follows: Mrs. Morgan Brooks, Urbana, Ill.; Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Concord, Mass.; George Kent, New Orleans, La.; J. H. Lathrop, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Arthur Maxson Smith, Berkeley, Cal.; and Charles A. Wing, Concord, N. H.

In accordance with the resolve creating the committee, the secretary is ready to receive in behalf of the committee "suggestions and recommendations of names to be put in nomination" for the following offices to be filled at the next election, viz.:—president; a vice-president from each of the following districts, Northern New England, Southern New England, Middle States, Southern States, Central West, Rocky Mountain States, Pacific Coast and Dominion of Canada; secretary; assistant secretary; treasurer; six other directors, four of whom must be from New England, one from the Middle and Southern States, and one from the Western States and Pacific Coast; and four members of the nominating committee, two of whom must be from New England, one from the Pacific Coast, and one from the Western States.

"Suggestions and recommendations" to be of service to the committee should be sent in at the earliest moment and preferably not later than January 1st.

The resolve requires the committee to issue the preliminary ballots "on the first day of April or as soon as practicable thereafter," and the ballots must be returned before May 1st. It is therefore obviously impracticable for the committee to wait until April 1st before approaching anyone in regard to the use of his name, especially as the candidates must be taken from widely separated localities.

All communications should be addressed to "Harold G. Arnold, Secretary, 54 Kenneth Street, West Roxbury, Mass."

Things to Be Done

Since our announcement last month of the little leaflet, entitled "Things to be done", which has been prepared for distribution among the churches prior to their collection for the national work, 3000 copies have already been called for. To our knowledge, the taking home of this leaflet, from one service, has resulted in generous checks being later sent in to the church treasurer by persons not in the habit of giving to this cause. It would certainly be for the benefit of every society to make use of this little leaflet, which is sent free upon application in any quantity, thus assisting in the sustaining of their gift to the national cause. This year will require all the loyalty and generosity which its friends can summon to maintain undiminished aid to all of the good causes and enterprises which have come to depend upon it.

Essex Hall, London, Distress Fund.

The opportunity for direct assistance to persons in distress on account of the great European war, afforded by the work done under the supervision of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association as outlined by its secretary, Rev. W. Copeland Bowie, has continued to interest our people. Two substantial remittances were forwarded in November and funds are accumulating for another. The total so far subscribed is $1129.18, of which a considerable portion has been designated for Belgian relief.

The Rev. Billy Sunday

The Association has been frequently approached in the past by our churches and people for co-operation in utilizing the visits to their cities of the Rev. Billy Sunday. Several churches have already made excellent use of such opportunities, and for the benefit of inquirers in the future, the Association is desirous of hearing from as many persons as have had experience with Mr. Sunday and his revivals, giving as fully as possible the account of what preparation the Unitarian church made in advance of the revival, what special work was done while the revival was in progress and the actual results which prevailed in the city, both within and without the Unitarian church. Letters have been written to ministers who we know have carried on such campaigns, but we should be glad to hear from others giving their experiences. This material we would plan to have available for the use of any other societies who might apply in the future and in whose behalf we now speak.

Department of Religious Education

The Bulletin issued this month by the Department is a revision and reprint of Bulletin No. 1. It bears its original number and title, "Organizing the Sunday School for More Efficient Instruction", but is entirely re-written and contains, therefore almost wholly new material. In it Mr. Lawrance has given his best knowledge, judgment and experience concerning such topics as the graded system of instruction, text books, directors of religious education, and the securing of trained teachers. Two sample contracts with Sunday-school faculties, in actual use in our schools, one with and one without salary, are given on the closing pages.

The members of this Department are making as few speaking engagements as possible in order to have time and strength for the exacting work on the new course of study, yet in the month from October 20 to November 20 Miss Buck has spoken to the Sunday school and the group of teachers at Arlington,

at the morning service and Sunday school in Reading and in Bridgewater, before parents' and teachers' associations at the First Church, Hingham, and Christ Church, Dorchester, and for Alliances at Newburyport and the Third Religious Society, Dorchester. Mr. Lawrance has preached and spoken to Sunday schools at Manchester, N. H. and Syracuse, N. Y., and addressed the Channing Conference and the Middle States Conference. He has spoken before the Men's Forum at Syracuse and audiences of teachers and parents at Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. Both members of the Department give the entire day each Saturday to specific work at headquarters lecturing in the forenoon in the Normal Course in Channing Hall and spending the afternoon in conference with Dr. Weigle on the outlines and manuscripts already submitted in the new course.

The Department has also in hand the work of the relief offering to be made by our Unitarian children to the suffering children in the war-stricken countries of Europe. An appeal has been sent out to all our Sunday schools and to members of *The Beacon Club*, asking the children to furnish clothing, or money to buy clothing, for the little people in the stricken lands. Tags for use in making shipments are sent with the appeal and may be secured by any readers of this notice on application to this Department. The use of the tags is essential, as by them free transportation is secured both by rail and boat. They afford the means, also, of keeping a record of all articles sent. The entire expense of printing and mailing the circulars and tags and handling the packages in Boston is defrayed by a benevolent friend of our cause, so that all that the children give will go directly to those in need. The spirit of love which Christmas puts into all hearts has here a fitting means of expression. The help which the children can extend, both now and during the months following Christmas will benefit those who give as well as those who receive.

All our Sunday schools are asked to observe February 14 as "Peace Sunday," this being the Sunday nearest to the one hundredth anniversary of the peace treaty of Ghent. We shall thus be celebrating one hundred years of peace between two great nations. Further suggestions for the observance of the day, and for a possible program and materials, will be given in this column in the next issue of *Word and Work*.

Department of Foreign Relations

Rev. Mr. Conte writes us: "I am very glad you approve my policy in regard to the work. I feel, like you, that we can do more good influencing all the churches than having microscopic congregations. I am glad that Dr. Eliot thinks so too, and I know that this is also Mr. Bowie's opinion, as he spoke very emphatically in this sense to me when I saw him in Paris. I have not heard of any criticism since Paris, but Miss Hill and Miss Tagart desire me to have a church. Mrs. Hacket, who I think you have seen by this time, after having been in London, wrote me a very strong letter advocating the formation of a Unitarian church. Mrs. Ames, when she was here, in a very appreciative letter, mentioned the necessity of having a *nest*, by which I think she meant a church. Several other people who came to the Pension in Venice expressed the hope that I may begin to form a congregation.

"In consequence of all this I thought it was best to have a little meeting in Florence and to join to it the few Unitarians scattered all over Italy. In fact, yesterday we had the first Sunday meeting, and it was pleasant to the few members who came. In this way we meet the sympathy of some friends here and abroad, while nothing is lost to the Free Believers' Association, which is the main work.

"The 'Echo of the Unitarians of Italy' is now in the press. It will be a very little paper, thoroughly Unitarian, and at the same time very simple. I will send you some copies. In my opinion, this little paper can be useful also in America among the class of Italians who are there. If you find it so I will send some copies of each issue."

Comity and Fellowship

Rev. C. W. Wendte, the secretary of this department of the work of the Association, has been away from his office for a couple of weeks on a journey to Washington, Philadelphia and New York in the interests of the National Federation of Religious Liberals. This Association, in whose board of government are enrolled the representatives of some eight or ten different liberal denominations, Friends, Unitarians, Christians, Universalists, Ethical Culturists, Reform Jews, etc., as well as of the liberal wing of various orthodox sects, is largely the outcome of the efforts of this department, whose secretary also serves it in the same capacity. It has held interesting, and often largely attended and influential meetings in Philadelphia, New York City and Rochester, and is to hold the next session in February, 1915, in the City of Brotherly Love, by invitation of the Liberal Ministers' Club of that city, which includes clergymen belonging to some eight or ten different fellowships. The recent death of Henry W. Wilbur, the organizing spirit of the Liberal Friends, and president also of the National Federation referred to, seemed to cast a doubt upon the feasibility of this meeting; but our Quaker friends have again proved their loyalty to the cause of a free and progressive religion by tendering the use of their great meeting house, while a prominent Friend, Professor Jesse H. Holmes, as the newly elected president of the Liberal Ministers' Club, has warmly seconded the efforts of the secretary to assure a successful meeting in Philadelphia. Incidentally it may be said that this Federation is the national counterpart of the International Congress of Religious Liberals, whose sessions abroad and at home have been such notable occasions in the religious life of our time. It also may be regarded as the liberal counterpart of the Federation of the Churches of Christ in this country, which declined to receive the adhesion of our liberal churches, but which has manifested a broader and kindlier spirit in its later attitude towards Unitarian and other religious progressives—in New England at least.

Dr. Wendte addressed the Liberal Ministers' Club at its luncheon on Monday, November 9th, and laid before it a carefully prepared program of topics and speakers at the meeting to be held next February. The twenty clergymen and others present warmly indorsed the program, making valuable suggestions, and promised their full co-operation.

The secretary also addressed the Second or Spring Garden Church, at its Sunday evening forum, on "A Universal Religion," and attended the annual meeting of the First Church. It was gratifying to note the improved health of the pastor, Rev. Charles E. St. John, and the numerous indications of his wise leadership and devoted service.

An event of record-making importance was the participation by invitation of both Revs. Mr. St. John and Dr. Lee, a Universalist pastor of Philadelphia, in a Sunday evening religious service at the Protestant Episcopal Church of Rev. Dr. Richmond in that city, presumably with the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese. Both these clergymen wore gowns and spoke from behind the altar rail. Both were mentioned in the printed Sunday bulletin of the church as "members of the historic Church of Christ." Their able addresses were listened to with deep interest by a goodly congregation. Surely the world moves.

Dr. Wendte preached on the 15th of November in our national church at Washington, and addressed the Men's Unitarian Club and the Women's Alliance on the foreign work of the American Unitarian Association. There was a large attendance at each gathering and the interest and zeal manifested were noteworthy. These week-day activities of our Washington church are, however, greatly hampered by the inadequate room and many inconveniences of the quarters now used for social purposes. The need for enlarged and better adapted accommodations is very apparent, and makes the delay in the erection of the new church a drawback to the growth of our cause in the capital city. The impossibility of disposing of the present site for anything like its real value, in the present depression of real estate, is one of the chief reasons for this unfortu-

nate delay in the realization of the purpose of the society.

Department of Social and Public Service

During the entire month of October and the first quarter of November the secretary was in the West, visiting especially the Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic and Finnish congregations in Minnesota. His first Sunday was spent in Hanska, Minn., where there is a strong and flourishing Norwegian church under the able leadership of Rev. Amandus H. Norman. Hanska is a small village with perhaps four hundred inhabitants. The opportunities for social effort in such a community are quite different from those to be found in larger towns and the cities. The village is remote from any large city and has to be sufficient unto itself. It is interesting to note that the church is doing much to meet the recreational needs of the people. Except for the small group in the village center it is a farming population scattered widely over a large area. Sunday, therefore, is both a day for worship and an opportunity to revive acquaintance and to pick up the threads of friendships. Several times a year, and this Sunday was one of them, the congregation remain after the morning service and take luncheon together in the little "kaffestube" close by the church. This building is so constructed that it is open to the air, and to sit in it is almost like being out of doors. After luncheon some of the men enjoyed their pipes and the women visited with each other until about two o'clock, when the church band gave a fine concert. At four o'clock the meeting broke up and the people returned to their homes. In the evening there was a notable gathering of young people at the parish hall in the village. This is a very substantial building of concrete and brick, built for the most part by the people themselves. It is very carefully and thoroughly constructed and ought to stand for five hundred years. Mr. Norman is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned his years of effort.

Rev. David Holmgren has organized a Swedish congregation in South Minneapolis which for the present is worshipping in a commodious hall in Pillsbury House, a social settlement built by the family whose name it bears. The members of this church are almost entirely workingmen and their families. At present their efforts are confined to establishing themselves as a church. They have not as yet attempted any distinctive form of social service, but it is to be hoped that ere long they will give some attention to this side of church life.

At Springvale and Dalbo in Isanti County are groups of Swedish Unitarians and at Underwood in Ottertail County there is another of Norwegians, but here again they are in the organizing period and have not yet thought of any other forms of church activity.

In Winnipeg the secretary met Rev. Mr. Arnason, who ministers there to a vigorous Icelandic church. Other groups of Icelandic Unitarians are to be found on the shores of Lake Winnipeg and in the vicinity of Lake Manitoba but it was not possible to reach them in the time available. The secretary addressed the Winnipeg church on a Sunday evening and explained the work which the Department of Social and Public Service is trying to do. The congregation listened patiently although many of them could understand English very imperfectly. Mr. Arnason, however, summed up the address in Icelandic and it may be hoped that by and by his parish will organize its social service committee and move out into the larger life of a community church.

At Virginia, Rev. Risto Lappala is carrying on a promising work among the Finns, of whom there are three thousand in the city. A small but comfortable church and a substantial parsonage have been erected on a corner property in a section of the city where the Finnish-Americans are numerous. Unfortunately there were not Sundays enough to go around and the secretary was obliged to be in Virginia on a week day. It was easy to see, however, that Mr. Lappala has the modern spirit and that if his church continues to thrive and grow

in the future he will be introducing many forms of social service for the benefit of his people and the entire community. Virginia is on the great Mesaba Range, one of the richest iron deposits in the world, and there is great opportunity for welfare work among the operatives in the mines.

The new forms of church effort will undoubtedly be somewhat slow in making their way in the churches of these new-comers to the Western World, and yet they have not advanced so rapidly in the churches of the older peoples that we can afford to utter any complaint. We look forward to a time when all alike will be doing their best to prove their faith by their works.

The regular departmental notes will appear in the next issue of *Word and Work*.

The Hymn Book

Publication Department

All Unitarians must be interested in the success of The New Hymn and Tune Book and The New Services for Congregational Worship. Accordingly we have prepared a rather careful summary of the progress of the books so far, which will be found in the back of this issue of *Word and Work*. A map of the country indicates the geographical distribution of the book among the different states, and together with a description of the book itself will be found letters from several representative ministers who have had sufficient experience with the book to write intelligently about it. We commend to the people in our churches a study of these reports and feel sure that they will be well repaid for doing so.

Word and Work

The innovation this fall of a new and reduced group rate on *Word and Work* has so far amply justified the efforts of those ministers who have taken up the matter actively in their parishes. We hope that many others will be encouraged to make a similar effort, as the interest of our people when once created along denominational lines cannot but make them better and stronger Unitarians and consequently of more value to their local societies. This Department will gladly send descriptive circulars about *Word and Work* to any names sent in by ministers, and sample copies for distribution will also be sent. It is our hope that ultimately this movement may become general among our churches and it will be a pleasure to cooperate with any persons desiring to further it.

Christmas Booklets

Many people have expressed a wish that some little booklets suitable for giving at Christmas might be found at the Unitarian Book Room. Arrangements have been made with The North End Union to put on exhibition and sale a number of their excellent little booklets, which retail at 10 cents each, or 85 cents per dozen, and it is hoped that people wishing these will take advantage of the opportunity and look them over early while the stock is intact.

Mr. MacCauley's Book

The Association has recently received from the Rev. Clay MacCauley, our representative in Tokio, copies of an excellent book, of which he is the author. It is entitled "The Faith of the Incarnation" and may be described as an important contribution to modern religious thought and larger Christian fellowship. It embodies the personal experience of the author, gained through many years of ministry in churches in America, both of the orthodox and the liberal faith, together with a long and faithful service as representative of the American Unitarian Association in Japan, where our cause under his hands has gained large influence and an enviable standing. The book has been prepared and printed in Japan, but feeling that many persons in this country would be interested in it, we are glad to to put it upon our list. The book will sell for $1.50 net; by mail, $1.60.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

The Christian Life in the Modern World, by Francis G. Peabody; $1.35 by mail.

The Juvenile Court and the Community, by Thomas D. Eliot; $1.35 by mail.

Progressive Democracy, by Herbert Croly; $2.14 by mail.

News Items

Rev. F. M. Bennett was installed at the church in Youngstown, Ohio, on Sunday, November 1st. There was a large attendance and the outlook is most promising.

The Secretary of the American Unitarian Association conducted a Ministers' Meeting at Indianapolis on October 27-29. Over twenty ministers were in attendance from the district, and at the public meetings the services were well attended.

The dedication of the new church at Dayton, Ohio, occurred on November 22–23. Many ministers from the vicinity were present, the principal addresses being by Rev. Minot Simons of Cleveland and Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York City.

Dr. Stanton Coit of London, Eng., is in America for the purpose of organizing a national society, to be called "The Church of the Republic." It is not the purpose of Dr. Coit to invade the fields already occupied by other churches, but to permeate the historic denominations with zeal in the interests of international peace and interdenominational good-will. Dr. Coit is expected to speak to the ministers of the Unitarian body in Channing Hall at an early date.

Rev. A. W. Littlefield of Needham is publishing an attractive church paper called "The Record.?" The announcements indicate a finely organized and flourishing church life.

We learn from Houston, Texas, that the Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell has begun his work there under favorable conditions, and even at this early date the purchase of a lot and the building of a simple church are under consideration.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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My Alliance Trip through the Middle West

Thousands of miles of travel, many nights on sleeper and continuous speaking would be a brief summary of such a trip, but it means much more than this! Leaving New York October 6th for the Board Meeting, I went to Boston by way of the Connecticut Valley to visit the branch at Deerfield and meet the Connecticut Valley Associate Alliance at Greenfield. From Boston I started directly for the West stopping for a day at Syracuse. At Chicago, I was met by Miss Le Baron, whom many of our Alliance workers remember as an active member of the Post Office Mission Committee, and she acted as a pilot through that city where Unitarians are not so numerous as they are in Boston, that I might be put on the right track for Alton, Illinois where the State Conference was to be held. It was a good gathering but with fewer representatives from the churches at a distance than I had expected. Our new Director from Hinsdale, and one Alliance member from Unity Church, Chicago, were the only women to come from so far away, although there was one interested woman from Geneseo, Illinois, and a large delegation from St. Louis, easily reached by trolley.

I therefore went the following day to St. Louis, meeting a goodly number of the women of the Church of the Messiah, although there was a *downpour* all day, the only rain I have had, in the West. The minister was there, in fact in most places here I have been encouraged by at least one man in my audience. I took luncheon the next day with the officers of the Unity Church Branch at Mrs. Dodson's home as there was not time for a general meeting. Then I had to retrace my steps in order to be at the Michigan Conference at Ann Arbor. On my way I had specially called meetings of the branches at Kalamazoo and Jackson. At the latter place the church has been sold and no church services nor Alliance meetings have been held for some time. Now the branch will resume meetings, and the connection with the larger body. From Ann Arbor back again to Quincy, Illinois, where there was not only a meeting of the branch on Saturday, but I found that I was booked to occupy the pulpit on Sunday.

Sunday night I went to Keokuk and held the first meeting in Iowa the next day, October 26th. To get across the state of Iowa and touch the few points where we have Unitarian churches is a problem that has to be carefully worked out. From Keokuk to Iowa City was an all day trip with three changes, but I reached there at night. My last change was at Iowa Junction, which was simply a flagman's house, and as it was so dark I could scarcely see the track before me I should have been in despair had it not been for a friendly woman carrying a hen with her brood of chickens in a basket, who had been my fellow traveler, who took pity on my ignorance. When I asked if she knew where the Unitarian church in Iowa City was, she replied, "Oh, yes, my husband is head painter of the University, and it is not far away. I am sorry I am a Methodist, but I was born so!" I was glad to know that the Unitarians are in such good repute that anybody apologized for not being one.

I drove directly from the station to the church reaching there in the midst of an annual meeting and supper. When we sat down I was pleased to see Prof. and Mrs. Starbuck near me, and I felt

as though I was in the East once more. When it came time for the Alliance report I was asked to speak, and I was glad of an opportunity, for The Alliance has never had an officer in Iowa City. The regular meeting was held the next day at the home of one of the professors.

From Iowa City by Interurban to Cedar Rapids that evening, there a long wait in the railroad station to board a train at one o'clock in the morning for Humbolt. A warm welcome and fine meeting there and on again for Sioux City, an all day trip, changing at Fort Dodge, with a dusty wearisome ride, with no parlor car nor diner on the train. From Sioux City to Omaha, Sunday, November 1st. The branch met Monday afternoon, and talked over their problems. Here with the church sold and no services, the women have held regular meetings and stand ready to take up church work when the right man shall appear to start it.

Before going into Kansas I promised to stop at Omaha on my way back East, which I did, and a second meeting was held in a hall, invitations being sent to all men and women interested, and church matters further discussed. From Omaha to Kansas City, where the work is going on with fresh enthusiasm under the leadership of the consecrated young minister and his wife. I looked forward to again visiting the Kansas branches which I organized fifteen years ago, and it was with real pleasure that I greeted my Lawrence friends. Our dirrector, Mrs. Learnard, had arranged a large meeting at the church, and gave me much information as to Kansas conditions. She went with me to Topeka, and we felt after the meeting that much had been done to revive the courage of this struggling group, with no minister or church services. From Topeka to Wichita, where I again was asked to take the pulpit on Sunday. In the afternoon a large reception of the entire church was held at the home of Mrs. Judge Sankey and I again told the Alliance story and answered questions as to our work. Yesterday with the president of the Omaha branch I went to Lincoln where we had a large meeting. I am writing at Omaha but tonight, November 12th, I go to Davenport, Iowa, as I was obliged to leave them out crossing Iowa, and from there into Wisconsin, expecting to reach Syracuse, N. Y. for a part of the Middle States' Conference next week. Everywhere I have met with the greatest cordiality which has equalled the warm and sunny weather of this great West. The brilliant coloring of the autumn woods which I left back in New England I have not found here, but the genial warmth of the October sun, and the beautiful sky over these vast prairies must be seen and felt to be appreciated.

MARY B. DAVIS,
Corresponding Secretary.

International Fellowship

The International Committee was formed for the purpose of co-operating with liberal Christian women of other countries to bring about a closer acquaintance and fellowship. In what way can this be better done than by real co-operation in this their year of need? How can we better show what our religion stands for than by sending in full measure relief to be distributed by our sisters of the British League of Unitarian Women, of the German Union, the Unitarian Alliance of Hungary, and the Liberal Christian Women of France? They are in need of all the aid we can give.

At present we are asked to give to the British League to aid stranded Germans, Hungarians, and Austrians in England, and also the Belgians who have come to that country in countless thousands.

Mme. Montchal writes from Geneva that Switzerland is able because of its neutrality greatly to forward the efforts of the British League, whose work she commends most highly.

Fraulein Barth of Frankfort, the Secretary of the German Union, has interested Mme. Montchal in a French woman, a teacher, who is in Germany in need of help. Mme. Montchal writes to our committee of her wish to send a few pounds to a liberal Protestant min-

ister in Belgium as soon as it may be done with safety.

The opportunity of The Alliance at this time is unequalled. A general call for funds for War Relief has been approved by the Executive Board. This is to enable those who wish to make some contribution for the war sufferers in addition to what they may have done through the Red Cross or Belgian Relief Funds to send their gift through Unitarian channels, as an expression of friendship for their fellow liberals in this time of terrible suffering.

The character of the personal service rendered by the committee of the British League in co-operation with Mr. Bowie is shown by the following extract from a letter signed by Miss Helen Brooke Herford and Miss Violet Preston:

"It is good that in all this dreadful welter of warring nations our little International Union has not been wiped out, but has found some special work to do. The Union's representatives in the neutral countries are doing their best to keep up intercourse with each other, and through them we have been able to make it known to the German 'Verein' headquarters that the League Committee will gladly render any possible help to members of that society left in England, of whose whereabouts they may hear.

Up to the time of printing this Letter, nearly 100 people have availed themselves of the Union's offer of help in communicating with relations and friends in Germany and elsewhere abroad. All concerned must be grateful to the Dutch and Danish women who made this possible. There were of course some tiresome conditions to be observed, and indeed it required two visits to Scotland Yard and very explicit explanations on the part of the English Secretary before the English authorities were quite convinced that nothing under hand or inimical to law and order was being undertaken.

It is hard work in these days to live up to one's Christian ideals. The Golden Rule is desperately hard to practise! Those who have tried to get help and shelter for the many helpless German women and girls left stranded here have found this out. It is a fine chance we women have — let us set an example in our attitude, let us not *only* be satisfied with *not ill-treating* them, but even go a little out of our way, and in the persons of our innocent alien enemy neighbour return good for evil. Let us remember to behave to them as we hope their people will behave to ours in Germany. Let us remember that in every one whom we so succour and shelter, England may have in the future a firm and faithful friend, and some of the awful bitterness and hatred by just so much be lessened. Let us show that Fellowship means something real, and 'Quicken our Religious Life' by really living it.

Our Work in Italy

The Executive Board presents an appeal to the branches for missionary work, that has received the recommendation of the International Committee. It is for $300 to aid the work of the American Unitarian Association in Italy. Last year the branches responded generously to a similar appeal for $200. This is a year of exceeding hardship in Europe. Without our help the work of Mr. Conte, our missionary in Italy, will be seriously handicapped. With $300 from The Alliance, together with $800 that the American Unitarian Association has already given, and some income from home sources, Dr. Wendte, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Relations, writes that "our work will be carried on triumphantly until the dawn of peace shall enable us to put our foreign missionary work in order."

ELIZABETH MARQUAND,
Chairman of the Internat'l Committee.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held November 13, Miss Bancroft presiding. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Mrs. Frank E. Sweetser of Brookline has become a life member.

The name of Mrs. Mary Nason Gray has been placed *In Memoriam* by the

Newburyport Branch and that of Miss Sarah Parker by the Channing Branch, Newton.

A new branch is reported, Stockton, California.

The branch at Norfolk, Virginia, is reorganized.

The work in college centers is making good progress. Dr. Samuel A. Eliot has preached in the Northampton Unitarian Church and addressed the Smith College Unitarian Club. Rev. Roger S. Forbes has preached at Wellesley Hills, a special notice having been sent to the Unitarian girls of the College. The Holyoke Branch gave a reception to Unitarian and Universalist students of Mt. Holyoke College, to meet Miss Burt, director of The Alliance, and alumna of the college. From Ithaca comes word of the interest of students in a class conducted at the Unitarian Church for the discussion of the ethics and duties of social life.

The Cheerful Letter report told of 210 books sent to a colored school in Riceville, Tennessee. This committee has received the past month an unusually large number of applications for correspondents.

An Appeal was approved for $300 towards a new heater in the Follen Church at East Lexington; one for $150 to help build the little church at Mt. Pleasant, Florida; and the annual Appeal for $100 for Northumberland, Pennsylvania, was renewed.

There have been 489 visitors recorded at Alliance headquarters in Boston the past month, from Illinois, New Jersey, Montreal, New Orleans, Brooklyn, Belfast, as well as from nearer points. Over 1700 exchange sermons have been sent out, 148 pieces of Alliance matter, 29 lending papers, 96 books from the circulating library.

About 3000 copies of Services and Hymns have been sold to 58 branches in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, Colorado, and California.

On recommendation of the International Committee the Board voted greetings to our liberal Christian sisters of Germany and France. In view of the increased work of the International Union and also of the fact that the annual fees of the German and Hungarian organizations will probably not be paid this year, it was voted to raise the affiliation fee of The Alliance to the International Union from $2.50 to $10 for the present year.

An Appeal was endorsed and is placed before the branches for $300 to assist the Italian Mission of the American Unitarian Association, with the hope that the Women's Movement may receive consideration In place of an Appeal for a definite sum of money it was voted to ask the Alliance branches to respond promptly and as generously as may be to a general call for funds for War Relief. The money as for all Appeals should be sent to Mrs. Noyes, Treasurer of The Alliance, and will be forwarded to the Relief Committee of the British League, or, as the donors may specify, to committees in the other countries affiliated with the International Union of Liberal Religious Women.

Letters of inquiry to branch presidents issued by Miss Bancroft should receive immediate attention. One object in sending these questions is to learn what branches have not received any visit from officer or director, that the plan of having each and every branch visited before May 1915 may be carried out. In addition to the visits recorded elsewhere in this number of Word and Work paid by Mrs. Davis in the western section, Miss Bancroft has visited 12 branches the past month in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, meeting in four instances many members of neighboring branches invited for the occasion.

Mrs. Cassidy, Vice-President of the Rocky Mountain section, proposed with clear and forceful argument the creation of a new office, that of Field Secretary. The matter was referred for consideration to a committee consisting of Miss Bancroft, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Ernest C. Smith.

The Alliance will take charge of the New Year's Reception at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, January 1, 1915, when the American Unitarian Association and

allied societies will keep open house.

One branch asked the feeling of the Executive Board in regard to card parties as a means of raising money. The sense of the meeting was that each branch must determine that matter for itself, bearing in mind, however, that in May 1907 the general body passed the following: Resolved that the National Alliance of Unitarian Women does not approve the playing of whist for prizes as it is in violation of civil law and not in the interest of good morals.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a meeting of branch presidents in Channing Hall at such time as may be approved.

The next meeting will be held in New York on December 11, at 10 A.M., at Unitarian Headquarters, 104 E. 20th Street. In the afternoon at 2.30 a public conference will be held in All Souls Church. Mr. Charles Stelzle will speak on "The Call of the New Day to the Old Church." Discussion will be open to all.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

News from the Branches

At the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Associate Alliance, at Greenfield, Mass., October 8th, it was voted unanimously to take up some definite missionary work, and that connected with the Southern Circuit was selected. A committee of five was appointed to cooperate with Mrs. Peterson, and consists of the following members: Rev. Margaret B. Barnard, chairman; Mrs. Edna B. Button, Hartford; Mrs. M. M. S. Moriarty, Holyoke; Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith, Greenfield; Mrs. R. E. Edwards, Northampton, with Mrs. O. W. Bullock, of Springfield, President of the Associate Alliance, ex-officio. The Alliance also voted to send one member to each session of the Connecticut Valley Conference. The next meeting will be held in Amherst next June.

The members of the Rowe, Mass., Alliance, at their meeting October 28, had the pleasure of entertaining the members of the Baptist Missionary Circle. Five ladies gave remarkably good papers on the following topics: Three great Congregational leaders; three great Universalist leaders; three great Episcopal leaders; three great Unitarian leaders; three great Baptist leaders.

The Brighton, Mass., Branch Alliance opened its year with a reception to the Rev. Palfrey Perkins on the fifth anniversary of his installation as minister of the First Parish in Brighton. At the first Alliance meeting of the season one of the members read a paper on "The Isles of Shoals." The first meeting of each month is to be addressed by one of the members of the local branch, with the exception of the meeting in January, when Miss Anna M. Bancroft will be the speaker. On November 16 Rev. Franklin Ham, of Reading, read his "Kinchin Stories" in southern negro dialect. On December 2 and 3 the branch is to hold its annual sale in the church parlors and the first evening the young people are to take charge of the supper, as they have done for the past three years.

The first meeting of the New York League of Unitarian Women was held at Church of the Messiah, New York City. The new president of the League, Mrs. Walter U. Lawson, was in the chair, and impressed all present with the life, strength, and eager enthusiasm with which she enters upon the season's work.

Resolutions of respect were passed in memory of Mrs. Thomas R. Slicer of New York, and Mrs. Bell of Rutherford, N. J.

The speaker of the day was Dr. Henry White Callahan whose subject was "The Barbarians."

The second meeting of the Season will be held at the Second Unitarian Church, Brooklyn, corner Clinton and Congress Streets, on Friday, December 4, at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Martha Foote Crow will speak on "The Country Girl."

By invitation of the League the Executive Board of The Alliance will meet in New York on December eleventh. There will be luncheon at The Art

League followed by an address by Mr. Stelzle and an open discussion.

The Hyde Park, Mass., Branch Alliance will hold its annual fair on December 10 and 11 to aid the fund for repairing the church. Contributions may be sent to the president, Mrs. John A. Keefe, 31 Dell St.

The Director for Illinois was present at the State conference at Alton and reports earnest attention and appreciation shown throughout the meetings. She has also addressed the Bloomington Alliance and Ladies' Aid and found a most cordial atmosphere. She writes: "If it were possible to visit all the branches the personal touch would surely be most helpful."

New officers of Alliance branches are: Gloucester, Mass., President, Mrs. Harvey C. Smith, Orchard Street; Lynn. Mass., President, Mrs. Florence W. Hall, 6 Pierce Road; Long Beach, Cal., President, Mrs. S. D. Allen, 229 Cedar Ave.; Secretary, Miss Catherine E. Kauffman, 752 Atlantic Ave.; Worcester, Mass., Second Parish Church, President, Mrs. F. H. Dewey, 71 Elm Street; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Hamilton, 35 Fruit Street; Worcester, Mass., South Memorial Church, President, Miss Ella P. Blenns, May Street; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Norcross, May Street.

The Appeals

Three Appeals are added to the list this month.

One is an annual Appeal from the Joseph Priestly Church, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, for $100. This Appeal is belated because it was feared that services might have to be discontinued on account of the illness of the minister. The danger of this misfortune is however happily passed.

The new Appeal from East Lexington is for help in putting in a new heating system as the old one was entirely inadequate so that Jack Frost has been a frequent and unwelcome visitor in recent years.

The Society is not large and the people are unable to raise the whole amount needed. Seven years ago they built a new vestry without an Appeal, and still have something to pay on that. The Follen Branch of The Alliance in the church is one of those faithful ones which always respond to calls for help according to their ability. The Appeal is strongly recommended by Rev. John Wilson, their neighbor in Lexington, who speaks of the people as a devoted hard-working group of liberals and of the Follen Church as serving the community well and likely sooner or later, by growth of population, to become important. Rev. Lewis G. Wilson of the American Unitarian Association also commends this Appeal.

The Appeal from Mt. Pleasant, Florida, is for help in building a church. Mt. Pleasant is one of the places cared for by one of our Southern Circuit ministers, Rev. Francis M. McHale. He writes that the Society owns a lot of land and has $440 and some accrued interest on hand. The church will cost for labor, material, seating, lights, etc., about $600. Therefore the Appeal is for $150. It is recommended by Mrs. Abby A. Peterson, our Southern Vice-President, and the Committee on Southern Circuit Work.

All money for Appeals should be sent to Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes (Treasurer of the Alliance), 11 St. John Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, with a statement of how it is to be distributed. A friendly note sent to each appealing branch, notifying them of the gift, would be appreciated.

Alice Reynolds Keyes,
Chairman of Committee on Appeals.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor, Mass.	$277.
Meadville	156.
Pacific School	167.
Bellingham, Wash.	251.
East Lexington, Mass.	300.
Mt. Pleasant, Fla.	150.
Northumberland, Pa.	89.
Westboro, Mass.	275.
Wheeling, W. Va.	325.
Italian Mission	300.
War Relief	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fourth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1914-1915, was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 4, 1914, at half past two o'clock.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president for New England, Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, presided and there were present: Mr. Allen, Miss Cline, Mr. Lyndon, Miss Richards, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

In the absence of the treasurer, no report was forthcoming.

The secretary's report for the month of September was read and approved as read.

The Finance Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Allen, reported that a letter, appealing for funds, had been sent out to all the unions.

The Extension Committee, through Miss Richards, reported getting the chain letter ready to send out.

VOTED: to accept the above report as progressive.

The Chair appointed Mr. Carl B. Wetherell of Cambridge, Mass. a member of the Extension Committee.

The bills being presented, it was

VOTED: to approve the bills.

Miss Simmons reported 87 copies of the October *Word and Work*, with tracts, sent the past month to the Union-at-Large members.

The resignation of Miss Rita E. Stemm of New Orleans, La., as District Supervisor for the Southern States, was read by the secretary.

VOTED: that the resignation of Miss Stemm be accepted with regret.

Mr. Eliot reported that the outlook is not favorable for a students' reception in Boston this year, uttering a protest against dropping this work altogether. And in this connection, it was

VOTED: in the spring to write a circular letter to every Unitarian minister, be-speaking his early co-operation.

Mr. Lyndon here brought up the matter of a meeting of a joint committee of the A.U.A., the Sunday School Society and the Alliance for a conference; and Mr. Eliot agreed that the time had come to talk over the whole field of Y.P.R.U. work and its denominational function. Then ensued an interesting discussion. On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

VOTED: that the motion as presented by the president be accepted, namely; that the president appoint two delegates to call and attend a conference with a like number of delegates from the A.U.A., the Alliance and the Sunday School Society, for the purpose of considering the question of work among the students, with a view to the improvement in efficiency and co-operation in our denomination.

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

The Finance Committee's Letter

It is the custom of the Finance Committee to issue a circular letter each year asking the various unions to contribute as generously as possible to the National Union. Heretofore the letter has not met with the expected success inasmuch as replies have been received from less than half of the unions enrolled, with an average contributed of less than $5.00, or an average of about $2.00 including the unions which did not contribute. (Do not have your union counted among the latter this year.)

The officers and directors of the National Union are particularly anxious to receive a generous response to this letter in order that they may carry out

the great amount of work that has already presented itself. Never in the history of the organization have we had so much work before us and never have we had so little with which to do.

We need $2,000. This will enable us to carry on our Student Assistant work, pay the secretary and pay for miscellaneous expenses such as the issuance of publications, office expenses, etc. Please realize the importance of your bearing your share of the burden.

The work cannot be continued without funds and it is up to each and every union to do its share. The work of the Unitarian Young People must go forward.

Very truly yours,

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHESTER R. ALLEN, *Chairman.*
EMILY J. CLINE
ARTHUR E. RYDER
BELLE I. SMITH
REV. PERCY E. LYNDON.

For the $30,000 Fund

The following letter is self-explanatory, being sent out for the purpose of stimulating interest in and adding to the Endowment Fund:

Those members of the Executive Board who were able to be present at the October business meeting of the Young People's Religious Union voted to authorize the circulation of a chain letter for the benefit of the $30,000.00 Endowment Fund.

In order to get this letter into quick and widespread circulation it has been decided to send a copy of the first link in the chain to each member of the Board and to each Supervisor, as well as to certain other interested individuals.

It is hoped that the recipients of these letters will realize the importance of getting their three copies off to others in their own districts as soon as possible.

Everyone interested should spread the word that this letter is intended to reach the older members of our Unitarian parishes as well as the young people, and that everyone is urged to contribute as generously as possible, in order that the Y.P.R.U. may be enabled to employ the permanent field organizer toward which it has been working for a number of years; that it may do still further work among the young people in educational centers; and that the handicap of constant financial shortage may be lifted from the working force of the organization.

The promotion of this Fund is something definite that everyone can help in, wherever he or she may be located, and all Unitarians should become thoroughly imbued with the idea that the gathering of this $30,000.00 should be pushed in every legitimate way until the desired end is attained.

For the Board,

MARIAN DUDLEY RICHARDS.

South Worcester Federation

The fall meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held in Hopedale, Massachusetts, on Sunday, October 25, 1914, with an attendance of about fifty. Mr. Albert Marso, the president, presided.

The records of the spring meeting held in Westboro were read and approved as read.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed to report at the annual meeting, to be held in Worcester in January: Miss Florence E. Southworth, of Westboro, Mr. Charles E. Aldrich of West Upton and Mr. Roy Gaskill of Hopedale.

The speaker of the afternoon was Rev. C. A. Henderson of Hopedale, who chose as his subject, "Religion of Young People".

At the evening session, Rev. Alson H. Robinson of Newton Centre was the speaker, and he spoke interestingly of "The Conflict Between Conservatism and Progress".

The meeting adjourned at half past seven o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

MAY A. LELAND,
Secretary.

Union Notes

Portland, Maine. The Young People's Society of the First Parish of Portland has "already held two meetings and plans for the winter's work are under way. Considerable enthusiasm has been developed and I have no doubt that the organization will be a permanent success."

Carlisle, Massachusetts. "Meetings are held every Sunday evening at seven o'clock; the first Sunday evening of each month we hold a song service generally with a little something different from the other meetings. Socials are held quite often and sales are held frequently to raise money. The past year has been one of the most successful ones with our Guild. Last month the Guild presented the Wilson Memorial Chapel in our cemetery here with the old church organ which was in excellent condition. Being without a settled minister hinders our work for we look to our pastor for help and assistance in various ways in our Guild services."

Channing Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts. "We have the prospect of a prosperous year to come. Eight new members have joined since October first, and all seem enthusiastic. We have just held an entertainment which we called a 'Café Chantant'. The patrons were served with light refreshments at small tables while songs, amusing dialogues and other features were in progress. While the price of admission to our performance was small, a goodly sum was realized from the sale of refreshments, and everyone seemed to be having a delightful time."

Hyde Park, Massachusetts. "We are to have two evening services a month with a soloist, and our pastor gives a short talk. Our union is to pay for the soloist and the organist. We have pledged two dollars a Sunday towards the expenses of a soloist at the morning service. We have charge of the flowers every Sunday; also give a supper every other month and plan to have a social once a month. We hope to increase our membership this year so we may be stronger and more active."

West Roxbury, Massachusetts. "We are getting the younger members of the parish in, and before long we are in hopes to have as large a showing of interested members as we had a few years back when sixty was our number. We have got together a fine programme for an Old Folks' Concert."

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "A live Young People's Union is now in active work. The name of the organization is 'The Outlook Club', with forty active members, and new names coming in weekly. The president is a medical student, thoroughly alive to the interests of the organization and a young man of influence and leadership. The organization began with a banquet, served by the ladies of the Needle Work Guild. The meetings are held Sunday nights at half past six, and are full of enthusiasm."

Eugene, Oregon. "The new Young People's Society will become a branch of the Y.P.R.U. and promises well. They are a group of nice young people, most of them students".

Dallas, Texas. "The Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church is composed of people as old as eight and as young as eighty — virile and courageous voyagers upon the great ocean of moral, religious and intellectual adventure. The meetings are held fortnightly at seven o'clock. It was said of Sir Galahad that his strength was as the strength of ten because his heart was pure. To realize this spirit the Young People's Religious Union aims to inspire its members to study the lives of the great human examples in the conduct of life; to develop in our hearts the spirit of sympathy, loyalty and unselfish service to humanity; to fit ourselves for intelligent and useful membership in the Unitarian Church. We would have the spirit that puts truth and truth-living in the first place, not in the second."

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Edgar S. Wiers D.D., *President,* Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice-President.*
Rev. Chester A. Drummond, *Secretary,* Somerville, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer,* Brookline, Mass.

A FRANK STATEMENT FROM UNITARIANS TO UNITARIANS

A great movement against alcohol is sweeping through this country, and every prominent church is giving this campaign vigorous support.

We should come into this movement; give it active support.

THINGS TO DO

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Place Dr. J. H. Crooker's new book, "Shall I Drink?" (A. U. A. Boston, $1.10 by mail,) in our church libraries, summarize it in our pulpits and Alliances, and, whenever possible, in our local press.

II

Follow his advice and place prominently in our town a bulletin board, 42 x 29 inches, carrying the anti-alcohol posters of the Boston Associated Charities and others.

III

Outdoor Teaching

Our third suggestion is somewhat radical, **outdoor teaching,** but we wish it might be the special contribution of the Unitarians, because we believe it is energy placed where it will tell most; for outdoors you get what you seldom get indoors, **large crowds of unconverted men.** Appreciating this, we have this summer prepared **25** lantern slides and shown them from a motor car around the streets of Boston and other towns, often attracting **500** men at a time.

We are ready to lend these slides and we call on the Unitarians of this country to see that they are shown in their towns, from a motor car, a building or church lawn or through a shop window. Someone to explain them adds effectiveness, but is not necessary.

In short, we ask you to establish in your town **outdoor alcohol education.***

UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Near Boston Mr. and Mrs. William Tilton will be glad to come with a lantern and screen, which they can operate themselves and show the slides from a motor or otherwise. Address, 11 Mason St., Cambridge, Mass.

* OF COURSE THESE SLIDES CAN BE USED INDOORS.

THE NEW HYMN AND TUNE BOOK

ONE of the most gratifying symptoms of real progress in the Unitarian body is the steady and widespread adoption by our churches of The New Hymn and Tune Book, and the New Services for Congregational Worship. Since April, when the books were first offered, more than sixty of our churches have made the change, necessitating two reprintings of 5,000 books each, making the total already in use over 10,000.

Such evidence of appreciation on the part of our churches is equalled only by the progress which it indicates toward genuine co-operative efficiency. Of these sixty churches, only a small number have required any deviation from the standard edition, and in these cases it was only to supplement the regular book with material of peculiar value to the local society.

A continuation of this general movement toward a thoroughly practical and uniform hymn and service book will be of inestimable value in developing greater interest and coherence in our liberal movement, and of this continuance there is no possible doubt.

Not alone to Unitarians has the new book made its appeal, for liberal churches of other fellowships, recognizing its obvious advantages, are inquiring about it, and we have now in prospect orders from several churches of other denominations.

Since its publication last April no word of serious adverse criticism has come to us, which justifies our confidence in predicting that its adoption by any society will meet with the same measure of success which has already marked its use in so many of our churches.

A map showing the location of the churches throughout the United States and Canada which have adopted the book gives an excellent idea of the way in which it is meeting the needs of churches large and small and in every section of the country, as do the enthusiastic letters of representative ministers who are now employing it in their services.

We shall welcome an opportunity to send a sample copy to any church which is seriously considering the purchase of new hymn and service books, and prices and all other information; including practical suggestions to committees for installing the new books, may be obtained by applying to the

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What Users say about The New Hymn and Tune Book

Rev. John Haynes Holmes, *Church of the Messiah, New York City.*

The publication in April last of the New Hymn and Tune Book may well be described as an epoch-making event. I find myself obliged to register it as my deliberate judgment that the New Hymn and Tune Book constitutes an incomparable achievement. ¶ From the point of view of general acceptability, as contrasted with personal preference, which alone is just, this book is as near perfect as one is likely to encounter in this imperfect world. As regards physical make-up, editorial skill * * * literary and musical value, selections of hymns and tunes with due regard for such of the old as still retain vitality and beauty and such of the new as are entitled to recognition and use, adequate provision for the varied needs of congregational life, * * * it is unsurpassed by any book I know. ¶ Every hymn has been judged from the standpoint of literary value, good sentiment and sound theology; and adequate expression has been given to all the current phases of modern religious thought. The result is a compendium which, so as far as I know and believe, is unparalleled.

Rev. Alfred Manchester, *Second Church, Salem, Mass.*

The Second Church in Salem had for some time looked forward to the appearance of the New Hymn and Tune Book and introduced it immediately upon publication. Several months' use of the book including the services has been with increasing appreciation of its value. The great variety of material within reasonable limits is notable. It is a source of satisfaction to be able to use hymns of Christian loyalty without suspicion of supporting outworn doctrines.

Rev. Frank Albert Gilmore, *First Unitarian Society, Madison, Wis.*

The New Hymn and Service Book is giving satisfaction. The new hymns by Hosmer, Gladden, Holmes and others give the collection a more modern note, while the familiar and endearing hymns are not lacking. ¶ The liturgical and responsive services are a great improvement upon the old book. It is thoroughly good to give congregations a chance to join in the great act of prayer and to sing the choral prayers and responses. This, together with the Psalms, gives the young people a share in the services, a thing much needed. ¶ The verdict of our people is a most hearty approval.

Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers, *First Parish, Cambridge, Mass.*

After two months' trial of the New Hymn and Tune Book I hear nothing but expressions of satisfaction from the congregation. It is a most admirable collection for the purposes of a Free Church.

Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, *First Unitarian Church, Toronto, Canada.*

The New Hymn Book with Services has met effectively the needs of a church in a country that is at war. It was an unexpected test. The Unitarian church in Toronto was one of the very first to adopt the book and had it in use on Easter Sunday. It was an inspiration for that service. Through the months that followed, the book furnished wonderful expression of joy and optimism as spring advanced into summer. It has such an abundance of hymns of beauty! It seemed then to be all that the heart could need. ¶ The real test came with the times of darkness after the breaking out of the war. With all the strength they can summon, men need to cling to the thought of God, to the hope that truth and honor will, after this is over, prove themselves to be realities. When men with their faith all but shattered turn to the church service for help, the church ought to be able to offer the relief from distress. Never have I been so thankful for a book to meet an exceptional need as I have been for this book, in the past few months, for its hymns and its services. ¶ One Sunday morning in September, when we used the "Service of Righteousness and Peace" and three of the majestic hymns, one man, deeply moved, said, "The book has justified itself in this one service." As the weeks and months go by, there is a deepening sense of the strength and the dignity, as well as of the beauty, of this unmatched collection of hymns, of tunes and of helps to the deepest and highest worship.

Rev. Charles Elliott St. John, *First Unitarian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The New Hymn and Tune Book seems to me wonderfully adapted to the use of our liberal churches. I studied the collection all summer with increasing delight, and in the practical use of it I am fairly bewildered by the wealth of new matter. It is a great comfort to have a book which contains nothing which we should never use.

Rev. George Augustine Thayer, *First Congregational Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Our congregation adopted the New Hymn and Tune Book upon its publication. Our satisfaction with it has grown with use. The large number of admirable hymns suited to the newer thought and aspirations of the time, as well as those which maintain the old high standard of our Unitarian hymn writers in literary beauty and expression, are an invaluable addition to the devotional possibilities of our worship. ¶ Especially impressive in these melancholy war days are the hymns of the larger patriotism, in which the book is exceptionally rich. The long standing hereditary tunes of our denomination have been reinforced by many new melodies, some of them familiar to other church bodies, from whom we have often much to learn, and most of them so far as we have tried them, spirited and uplifting. ¶ Fine religious poetry for minds of the modern outlook seem to me the best possible continuation of the traditional psalms and prophesies; and here are some of the best recent utterances of the prophetic spirit, to be highly commended for that use.

[*The limitations of space prevent the insertion of several more recent letters, which will appear in a later issue.*]